

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 7-8 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended claims can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings.¹ No new matter is presented.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which after final rejection permits entering amendments, canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. As the present amendment merely amends Claims 7 and 8 to comply with a requirement of form expressly set forth in the outstanding Office Action, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the Office Action, Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; Claims 1-6 and 9 are allowed; and Claims 7 and 8 are indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejection noted above. Applicant respectfully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, asserting that the term “computer-readable medium” is not used in the original disclosure. The Office Action then states that “[f]or purposes of this Office Action, it is being presumed that this term refers to memory,” citing p. 15, ll. 14-25 of the specification. In order to expedite prosecution of this case, Claims 7 and 8 are amended to recite a “computer-readable memory” to as to be analogous to the terminology used in the originally filed specification. Therefore, Claims 7 and 8 recite features that are described in the specification in such a way

¹ e.g., specification, p. 15, ll. 14-25.

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as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed.

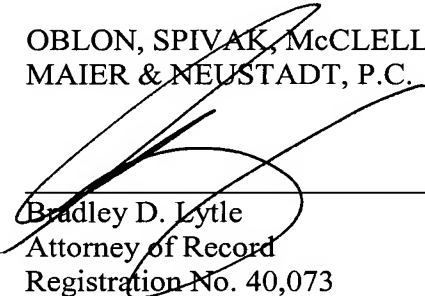
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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